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**MS PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): NAKAMURA, Toshikazu; SUZUKI, Yuji and  
SUGIURA, Masaru

For: METHODS FOR FILTRATING AND PRODUCING POLYMER SOLUTION, AND  
FOR PREPARING SOLVENT

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of Ninety-eight (98) pages
- ☒ Thirteen (13) sheet(s) formal drawings
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority

- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-304754 filed in JAPAN on October 18, 2002.
- ☒ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
- ☐ Certified copy(ies) will follow.
- ☒ Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
- ☐ Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

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- ☒ The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.

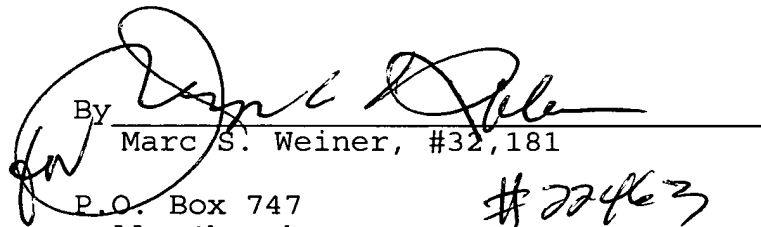
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